

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202104

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of OIG Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Audit report submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

The Executive Committee's acceptance of OIG's report entitled:

- Audit of WMATA's Contracting Officer's Technical Representatives

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- Audit of WMATA's Contracting Officer's Technical Representatives

Situation: Oversight and internal controls over the COTR program requires improvement. Specifically, WMATA:

- Lacks comprehensive and cohesive program management;
- Does not provide an adequate training program for COTRs assigned to high risk contracts; and
- Does not require COTRs to follow policies and procedures.

Impact: COTRs were heavily involved throughout the contract lifecycle from initiation to close out. COTRs determine whether the outcome of the contract is successful or not. However, the deficiencies in the COTR program puts WMATA at a high risk of not receiving the goods and services for which it has contracted and at risk of making improper payments to contractors.

Management Solution: Management has appointed a manager over the COTR program and is in the process of implementing the remaining recommendations.

Background and History:

When the Executive Committee determines there is no conflict remaining between the IG's findings and recommendations and management's response, it will accept the report as final, and the report and corrective action plan shall be deemed approved. Acceptance of the final report constitutes the Board's authorization to post the report on the WMATA website provided the Inspector General has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

Discussion:

The work highlighted in this report demonstrates OIG's commitment to promoting accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in WMATA's programs and operations and keeping the Board of Directors fully and currently informed about deficiencies in WMATA's activities, as well as the necessity for and progress of corrective actions.

There were no conflicts between the IG's findings and recommendations listed in this report and management's response. The Inspector General has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been removed/redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no impact on funding.

TIMELINE:

Anticipated actions after presentation: Executive Committee's acceptance of OIG's report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts OIG's report.